

REMARKS

The specification has been amended at paragraph 1 of page 5. The amendment corrects the docket number and serial number for the cited application. The Examiner's attention is directed to the fact that as filed, the docket numbers of the cited application was inadvertently swapped with that of a related application filed the same day. No new matter is added.

The Amendments here presented are made for the purposes of better defining the invention, rather than to overcome the rejections for patentability. The claims were not amended to overcome the prior art and therefore, no presumption should attach that either the claims have been narrowed over those earlier presented, or that subject matter or equivalents thereof to which the Applicants are entitled has been surrendered. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and following remarks. Moreover, the amendments as presented do not alter the scope of the claimed invention and therefore cannot necessitate a new grounds rejection.

It is believed that the foregoing remarks are fully responsive to the Office Action and that the claims herein should be allowable to the Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and of the rejections and allowance of the case are requested. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of all rejections made by the Examiner and the allowance of all of the claims in the application.

In the event the Examiner has any queries regarding the instantly submitted Amendment, Applicants' attorney respectfully requests the courtesy of a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' Attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Detailed Description:

Please amend paragraph 1 of page 5 as follows in "marked up" format:

The present invention relates to the design and manufacture of a real-world object based upon a virtual CAD/CAM model. An inventive aspect of this method is that the model is horizontally-structured as disclosed in copending, commonly assigned United States Patent No. _____, United States Serial No. 09/483,301-722, Filed January 14, 2000, Attorney Docket No. H-204044DP-301245, entitled "HORIZONTALLY-STRUCTURED CAD/CAM MODELING", the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.